

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Claims 1, 29, 44 and 45 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found on at least page 10, lines 9-30 of Applicants' Specification. Claims 1-9, 29-34 and 44-46 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2 on page 2 of the final Office Action, claims 1, 29, 44 and 45 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants' respectfully traverse the rejection. Applicants' respectfully submit that back-to-back co-alignment means that both substrates are attached to one another by their back surfaces in a back-to-back alignment manner. See page 6, lines 8-10 of Applicants' Specification. The co-alignment is further illustrated in at least Figs. 1, 12-13 and 15a-15c and associate text on pages 6 and 10 of Applicants' Specification. See page 10, lines 24-30. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that at least claims 1, 29, 44 and 45 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, in view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner withdraw the rejection.

In paragraph 3 on page 3 of the final Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 29-33 and 44-47 were finally rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applebaum et al. in view of Robertson et al. (6,293,592). In paragraph 4 of page 6 of the Office Action, claim 3 was finally rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applebaum et al. in view of Robertson et al., and further in view of Douglas (5,815,964). In paragraph 5 on page 6 of the Office Action, claim 34 is finally rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applebaum et al. in view of Robertson et al. and further in view of Hansen. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

First, Applebaum fails to teach or suggest at least the back side of a second continuous non-interrupted support substrate being adhered to the back side of a first continuous non-interrupted support substrate so as to form said dual sided integral composite image product such that said back sides of said first and second continuous non-interrupted support substrates are in a back-to-back co-alignment with each other. Rather, Applebaum discloses that panels 34, 36 are

glued to a hinge element 48 that fully underlies the panels 34, 36. See Col. 5, lines 4-11. However, Applebaum does not disclose a back side of a second continuous non-interrupted support substrate being adhered to the back side of a first continuous non-interrupted support substrate to form a dual sided integral composite image product as recited in Applicants' claims.

Robertson fails to remedy the deficiencies of Applebaum as Robertson also fails to teach or suggest at least the back side of a second continuous non-interrupted support substrate being adhered to the back side of a first continuous non-interrupted support substrate so as to form said dual sided integral composite image product such that said back sides of said first and second continuous non-interrupted support substrates are in a back-to-back co-alignment with each other. Rather, Robertson discloses a system that enables consumers to create images viewable from both sides of a printed object, while not requiring printing on more than one side of the sheet. This is accomplished by direct printing on a first panel 140 and reverse printing on a translucent second panel 204. The first panel 140 is then folded over the second panel 204. Col. 3, line 64 – Col. 4, line 15. However, Robertson does not disclose a back side of a second continuous non-interrupted support substrate being adhered to the back side of a first continuous non-interrupted support substrate to form a dual sided integral composite image product as recited in Applicants' claims.

Thus, it is submitted that further consideration of claim rejections under 35 USC 103(a) upon the citing of the third and fourth applied prior art references to Hansen and Douglas is moot, inasmuch as the combination of Applebaum, Robertson, Hansen and Douglas still lack any teaching, disclosure, or suggestion concerning a dual sided integral composite image products as previously discussed.

Therefore, in view of the above remarks, Applicants' claims are patentable over the cited references.

Second, the references fail to teach or suggest that said integral composite image product having a fold line about which said integral composite image product is folded and which extends across said separate image layers. As admitted by the Office Action, Applebaum fails to disclose a fold line per se about which the integral composite is folded. Robertson fails to remedy the deficiencies of Applebaum. Robertson discloses scoring between the direct-

imaging material 132 and panel 128. *See Fig. 2.* The remaining cited references fail to teach or suggest that said integral composite image product having a fold line about which said integral composite image product is folded and which extends across said separate image layers.

Therefore, in view of the above remarks, Applicants' independent claims are patentable over the cited references. Because claims 2-9, 30-34 and 46 depend from claims 1, 29 and 45, respectively, and include the features recited in the independent claims, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-9, 30-34 and 46 are also patentably distinct over the cited references. Nevertheless, Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the Office Action's rejection with respect to such dependent claims and reserve the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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